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ARMY INTRODUCES NEW PIN FOR RETIRING SOLDIERS

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1. Reference: AR 600-8-7, Retirement Services Program, 1 June 2000; and AR 635-5, Separation Documents, 15 September 2000.
 2. Expiration: This message expires 31 March 2008, but the procedures remain in effect until superceded or rescinded.
 3. Purpose: To introduce a new pin for retiring Soldiers to emphasize their lifelong bond with the Army.
 4. Background: At the annual meeting of the Chief of Staff, Army (CSA), Retiree Council in April 2006, the council urged the CSA to create a new pin to replace the Army retired lapel pin. The council wanted the design of the new pin to more clearly identify the retired Soldiers and more closely associate them with the Army.
 5. Specifics:
 - a. On 29 January 2007, the Secretary of the Army approved a new pin for issuance to Soldiers retiring from active duty. The old pin was too small and could not easily be read or recognized. Consequently the newly approved pin is larger and easily recognizable from afar. The design of the pin combines the current standard Army Logo, with the word "retired" emblazoned above the white Army star. Retirees can wear the new pin on a variety of appropriate clothing to visually demonstrate their allegiance to the US Army.
 - b. A government contract agency is responsible for shipping the new pins to the installation Military Personnel Division (MPD). They are in receipt of mailing addresses for all Retirement Services Officers (RSO) to execute the first mailing. If the RSO is not the person responsible for the issuance of the retiree pin, they will ensure that the shipment is delivered to the appropriate office and immediately notify the contractor of the address change. **Note:** The contractor will mail the new pin to all Soldiers already on the retired list.
 - c. Effective upon receipt of the new pins at the installation, MPD will discontinue the procurement and issuance of the old "Retired, Still Serving" lapel pin (National Stock Number {NSN} 8455-01-007-2796) to retiring Soldiers and begin to issue the new retiree pin to retiring Soldiers.
 - d. HQDA Retirement Services Office will provide installation RSOs with the contractor's contact information.
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